(2) There were some complaints recently from the land-owners of Perumatti, Pattancheri and Mulattura, who are residents of Chittur and Tattamangalam, about the necessity to pay charges in respect of their carts consequent on the location of the toll in its present position.

(3) Government do not consider that a shifting of the toll-gate to Meenakshipuram is necessary, as it will result in a fall of revenue which is not justifiable, having regard to the large expenditure incurred every year in maintaining the roads.

## The number of passengers who go through the Alur-Kandanasseri Village on foot.

**410. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.**— Has the Government got any idea of the number of passengers that are forced to go through this village (Alur-Kandanasseri) yearly on foot to and from Guruvayur and Chowghat? If not, will the Government be pleased to make inquiries and ascertain it and place a statement upon the table?

**Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—Government have no definite idea in the matter. Counting of pedestrians proceeding to and from particular localities is hardly a practicable proposition, and Government do not consider that an enquiry of the kind suggested by the member is necessary.

## The annual output of paddy from the whole State.

**411. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have got any statistics to show the annual output of paddy from the whole State? Is it on the increase or decrease from the beginning of the last decade?

**Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—The total output of paddy in the State was roughly estimated six years ago at the time of rice control, and it was found to be 21 millions of paras of paddy per annum. It cannot be said that the output of paddy is on the increase during the last decade. It may be considered to have remained stationary.

## The Triprayar-Kanjani Road.

**412. Mr. Lonappan Chakkola.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:

i. whether the Government has recently introduced two tolls one on either side of the Triprayar-Kanjani road in the Trichur Taluk;

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ii. whether most of the lands required for the said road was freely given to the Government by the adjacent land-holders;

iii. whether most of the lands thus given to the Government were not parts of cocoanut plantations or paddy fields?

iv. What is the length and probable value of the lands thus freely given to the Government and the probable value of the improvements that had to be destroyed;

v. the amount hitherto spent by the Government in the Triprayar-Kanjani road by way of (a) acquisition charges, (b) construction charges, (c) maintenance charges?

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**— i. Yes. The Kanjani toll at the junction of the Trichur-Perumpuzha-Kandassankadavu and Enamakkal-Triprayar roads and the Peringottukara toll at the junction of the Enamakkal-Triprayar and Trichur-Triprayar roads, from 1st Thulam 1101. The tolls were established more on account of the Trichur-Perumpuzha-Kandassankadavu and Trichur-Cherpu-Triprayar roads than the north to south road from Kanjani to Peringottukara.

ii. Yes. But *poramboke* lanes, etc., covering an extent of 2·44 15/16 acres, which became unserviceable after the opening of the roads, were assigned free of land value to those who surrendered lands for the road.

iii. Some were and some were not.

iv. Six miles, six furlongs long. About Rs. 4,000 roughly.

v. (a) Rs. 970—— 2——0

(b) Rs. 33,371——11——5

(c) from 1097 to date. Rs. 4,338—— 1——6

## The recommendations made by the Kole Committee.

**413. Mr. Lonappan Chakkola.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has taken any steps or made any investigations to carry into effect all or any of the recommendations made by the Kole Committee. If so, will the Government kindly place before the Council the conclusions it has arrived at on the feasibility of the said Committee's recommendations from standpoints of (1) finance, (2) practicability and (3) utility?

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